

# Order

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Lansing, Michigan

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Robert P. Young, Jr.,  
Chief Justice

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Amendment of Rule 3.613  
of the Michigan Court Rules

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On order of the Court, notice of the proposed changes and an opportunity for comment having been provided, and consideration having been given to the comments received, the following amendment of MCR 3.613 is adopted, effective January 1, 2016.

[Additions to the text are indicated in underlining and deleted text is shown by strikeover.]

## Rule 3.613 Change of Name

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) Minor's Signature. A petition for a change of name by a minor need not be signed in the presence of a judge. However, the separate written consent that must be signed by a minor 14 years of age or older shall be signed in the presence of the judge.

(C)-(E)[Unchanged.]

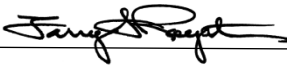
*Staff Comment:* The amendments of MCR 3.613 provide clarification that distinguish a written consent from a petition for a name change, and reflect the statutory requirement that the written consent be signed by the minor in the presence of the judge.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of a new rule or amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by the Court.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

September 23, 2015

  
Clerk